

Statement for the Senate Judiciary Committee, faxed on Feb. 8, 2011 by Jeanette Zentgraf, Communications Coordinator for Concerned Women for America:

I oppose Montana's Death with Dignity Act, Senate Bill 167, because there is no dignity for the person who for personal gain is tempted and does coerce a relative to request a "dignified death". Once all the requirements are met and the death pill is "self-administered", it takes 3 or more hours for the "qualified patient to die". If we believe the statistics the "qualified patient" dies ingloriously to say the least.

However, the proponents of this bill believe that the detailed requirements with few exemptions will protect the patient from coercion. I've discovered from conversations with the progressives who support this Bill that they don't consider man's flawed character, which is well described in the Bible. Man's greed for money and or power has already resulted in the horrible statistics, which Patti Kanduch, State Director of Concerned Women for America has faxed to this Committee. But for the Grace of God in man, I believe that there would be more abuses. Patti and I regret that we could not attend the hearing due to the snow storm and dangerous roads.

Those who support Bill 167 believe that we opponents are out of touch with the main stream. I deny that accusation based on our Founding Fathers ageless wisdom which created the U.S. Constitution, which every President pledges to support. We have a 3 Branch form of Government and strong state rights, because our Founding Fathers desired to protect us all from the flawed character of man---greed for money and or power. Our prayer for the last 30 years is for the legislative branch of the US Congress to use its power granted by the Constitution and not succumb to the authority of executive regulatory agencies.

Please oppose Bill 167

I support Senate Bill 116, a Bill for an Act Entitled, An Act prohibiting Aid in Dying. This Bill will protect Montana people from Washington State's experiences. This Bill will curtail those who would coerce a relative to request death in order to profit financially. Many will be spared death due to the greed of another.

I support SB 169 because should SB 167 pass, we in MT will face the unintended consequences of businesses for suicide. Australian suicide promoter, Philip Nitschke, has set up his business in the State of Washington called Exit International registered as a nonprofit organization, which sells specialized equipment for the purpose of causing suicide death. MT has one of the highest suicide rates in the country. This Bill will protect us from these promoters. Please support SB 169.